

HUMAN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 6, 2016

A meeting of the Human Affairs Committee was held Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Aldermanic Chamber.

Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire, Chairman, presided.

Members of the Committee present: Alderman June M. Caron, Vice Chair
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Don LeBrun

Members Not in Attendance: Alderman Tom Lopez

Also in Attendance: Ms. Camille Pattison, Transportation Department Manager
Master Patrolman Adamson, Nashua Police Department

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

COMMUNICATIONS

From: Sarah Marchant, Community Development Division Director
Re: Proposal to Amend Resolution R-16-065

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE
MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – RESOLUTIONS

R-16-064

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$7,072
FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY INTO FIRE GRANT ACTIVITY
“FY2015 ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT”**

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE
MOTION CARRIED**

R-16-065

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Aldерwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Tom Lopez

**RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF AN ADDITIONAL \$33,021.38
FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
INTO TRANSIT GRANT ACTIVITY "FEDERAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY ("FTA") OPERATING GRANT"**

MOTION BY ALDERMAN MELLIZI-GOLJA TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Wilshire

We did get a communication from Sarah Marchant regarding increasing the amount of the award substantially. Ms. Pattison, would you give us a little bit of information on that?

Ms. Camille Pattison, Transportation Department Manager

Sure, so what has been happening is that we've been receiving this money for at least the past decade or so and usually it goes for a couple of years and then we have the ability to extend it. Originally they said they would do a three month extension which was for the additional \$33,000. What they did then was they did then was in the process in between when we submitted the original information to you with the resolution they changed it and now we are just going to go for the full two-year period so we will actually go through September 30, 2018, and then the amount now increases to a not-to-exceed \$264,000. What this allows us to do is we use the funding to provide free, fixed route transportation services to riders that are ages 60 and over. It actually is a pretty significant amount. We are able to provide over 62,000 free rides to folks that are 60 and over each year. It's significant and the Bureau of Elderly Adult Services is very excited about this. They partnered with us a lot on this and they would like to continue to provide this to the residents of Nashua. That's what the variation is between the \$33,000 and the \$264,000. Essentially it is better because rather than doing two opportunities it will do it all in one fell swoop.

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO AMEND R-16-065 BY REPLACING THE ORIGINAL AMOUNT WITH THE WORDS NOT-TO-EXCEED \$264,168.96 AND TO AMEND THE TIME TO GO FROM DECEMBER 31, 2106; TO SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY ALDERWOMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE OR R-16-065 AS AMENED

MOTION CARRIED

R-16-070

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Aldерwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Tom Lopez

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$32,366.55 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE INTO POLICE GRANT ACTIVITY "FY2017 SUSTAINED TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT PATROLS (STEP)"

MOTION BY ALDERMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Master Patrolman Adamson, Nashua Police Department

The STEP grant is the highway safety money that we've been getting for the last ten or fifteen years. They just changed the format of the applications. It used to be probably five or six applications for speed enforcement, pedestrian enforcement, and red light enforcement; the whole gammit. They put it under the sustained traffic enforcement patrols so that is what that will cover. It works out good the way that they have revamped the program because the last STEP grant that we had ended on September 30th so once this is accepted by the Aldermen we can roll to it. In the past we weren't able to do it during the winter months so there was a big lag. It's really good because you have those holidays where you want to get out there and do some extra enforcement; Thanksgiving, New Years' Eve, New Years' Day, Christmas, Christmas Eve and other random holidays. This will help us be able to do that.

MOTION CARRIED

R-16-072

Endorsers: Mayor Jim Donchess
Alderman-at-Large Lori Wilshire
Alderman Richard A. Dowd
Alderman June M. Caron
Alderman Ken Siegel
Aldерwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Alderman-at-Large Michael B. O'Brien, Sr.
Alderman Tom Lopez
Alderman-at-Large Brian S. McCarthy

RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE AND APPROPRIATION OF \$249,266.77 FROM THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY INTO POLICE GRANT ACTIVITY "FY2017 OPIOID ABUSE REDUCTION INITIATIVE (OARI)"

MOTION BY ALDERMAN MELIZZI-GOLJA TO RECOMMEND FINAL PASSAGE

ON THE QUESTION

Chairman Wilshire

This is the Granite Hammer?

Master Patrolman Adamson

Yes, this is the special legislation that was put together to put \$1.5 million towards enforcement efforts by police. It's just the state's money and not a federal pass through or anything like that. There's no match that goes with it. What we get will put us through until the grant ends on June 30th. Obviously the reporting (inaudible) will end a little bit earlier but it will allow our Narcotics Unit, the traffic unit which has been pulled towards an interdiction avenue and allow our POP unit more time to conduct the investigations, also signing up more informants. These investigations usually go beyond the 8-hour aspect so this will help that and it will also help with the initiatives that the Narcotics Unit and the police department had already started. You've seen it in the newspaper, the weekly drug sweeps that are happening. It got to the point where we didn't have any more funds that we could do that so this will take care of that. This is a first for the state and a first for us but they were very complimentary of the application that we put in and the project goals that we have.

Chairman Wilshire

Did you write that grant?

Master Patrolman Adamson

Yes

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS – ORDINANCES - None

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Alderman LeBrun

Recently when they paved West Hollis Street they put in a new center line, what I call the suicide lane. There is a double yellow line with a dashed line inside of it which is used for people turning either right or left so that others can go straight through. Is it possible to get some sort of stepped up patrol to watch what is going on there because people are using that lane as a passing lane and if somebody is sitting there trying to make a turn, people use it as a passing lane. I almost got wiped out once myself and I've seen it happen two or three other times.

Master Patrolman Adamson

Is it the one between Riverside and Ledgewood Hills?

Alderman LeBrun

It's between Ledgewood Hills and Westgate.

Master Patrolman Adamson

Yes, definitely, we can get guys out there. When is it happening, rush hour?

Alderman LeBrun

Today I came over about 3:00 p.m. and that's when I almost got wiped out.

Master Patrolman Adamson

Yes, definitely, that's what the STEP grant is for. It's a new traffic pattern and people aren't used to it. There are misinterpretations regarding it. I'll pass it along to my bosses as well as the sergeant who is in charge of the traffic grant.

Alderman LeBrun

Thank you.

Chairman Wilshire

Good job on writing the grants.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

REMARKS BY THE ALDERMEN

POSSIBLE NON-PUBLIC SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION BY ALDERMAN LEBRUN TO ADJOURN
MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Aldерwoman Mary Ann Melizzi-Golja
Committee Clerk